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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Betelhem Shewareged

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 04/23/2004 has been fully considered. Claim 2 is canceled, claim 11 is added, and thus claims 1 and 3-11 are pending. (NOTE: Claims 9-11 are withdrawn from consideration as non-elected invention).

Election/Restrictions

2. Newly submitted claim 11 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claim 11 is directed to a method of the claimed ink jet printing paper.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 1 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

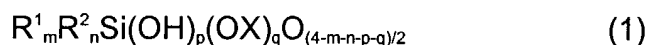
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaya (EP 0 841 355 A2).

Yamaya discloses an article comprising a paper substrate (page 15, line 39) coated with an emulsion composition comprising component (1) 100 parts by weight of a water-insoluble silanol group-bearing silicone resin of formula (1):



Wherein R^1 is unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group preferably those having 1-10 carbon atoms (page 6, line 1), R^2 is a substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group preferably those having 1-10 carbon atoms (page 6, line 9), X is a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1-6 carbon atoms (page 6, line 27), letters m, n, p and q are numbers satisfying $0.5 \leq m \leq 1.8$, $0 \leq n \leq 1.0$, $0 < p \leq 1.5$, $0 \leq q \leq 0.5$, $0.5 \leq m+n \leq 1.8$, and $0 < p+q \leq 1.5$, and component (2) 10 to 1,000 parts by weight of a radical polymerizable vinyl monomer (page 3, lines 39-53). Component (1) is equivalent to the claimed component (a-1) and component (2) is equivalent to the claimed component (b).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's argument is based on that Yamaya fails to disclose applying the emulsion to paper while the paper is being made, instead Yamaya discloses applying the emulsion to paper that has already been made, thus the product of Yamaya is

physically different from the product of the claimed invention. This argument is not persuasive because the argument is directed to a process limitation while the claimed invention is directed to an article. Since the specification fails to show that the product prepared by applying the emulsion to paper while the paper is being made is physically different from the product prepared by applying the emulsion to paper that has already been made, Applicant is strongly advised to provide factual evidence showing that the two products are physically different because they are prepared by different methods. Since Applicant failed to provide the requested factual evidence, the rejection over Yamaya is kept, and claims 1 and 3-8 stand rejected.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betelhem Shewareged whose telephone number is 571-272-1529. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. 7:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia H Kelly can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Shewareged'.

Betelhem Shewareged
May 4, 2004.